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1. There are about 2,500 men in Wismar, who carry out patrol duties along the coast from Wismar to Schönberg. They are billeted in barracks in Bodeenhagen. Among these men there are some Germans who learned to speak Russian after several years spent as PWs in Russia and who have now entered into Russian service for the sake of food allocations. There are some very decent men among them and as it is always they who carry out interrogations of any suspects under arrest, many people have escaped thanks to them, and others have secured valuable information.
2. Each patrol includes an MVD agent whose task it is to ensure that everything is carried out according to orders. These agents as a rule are NCOs and are unpopular both with Germans and Russians.
3. The commandant in Wismar is Colonel Sokolov; his deputy is Lt. Siargiev.

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